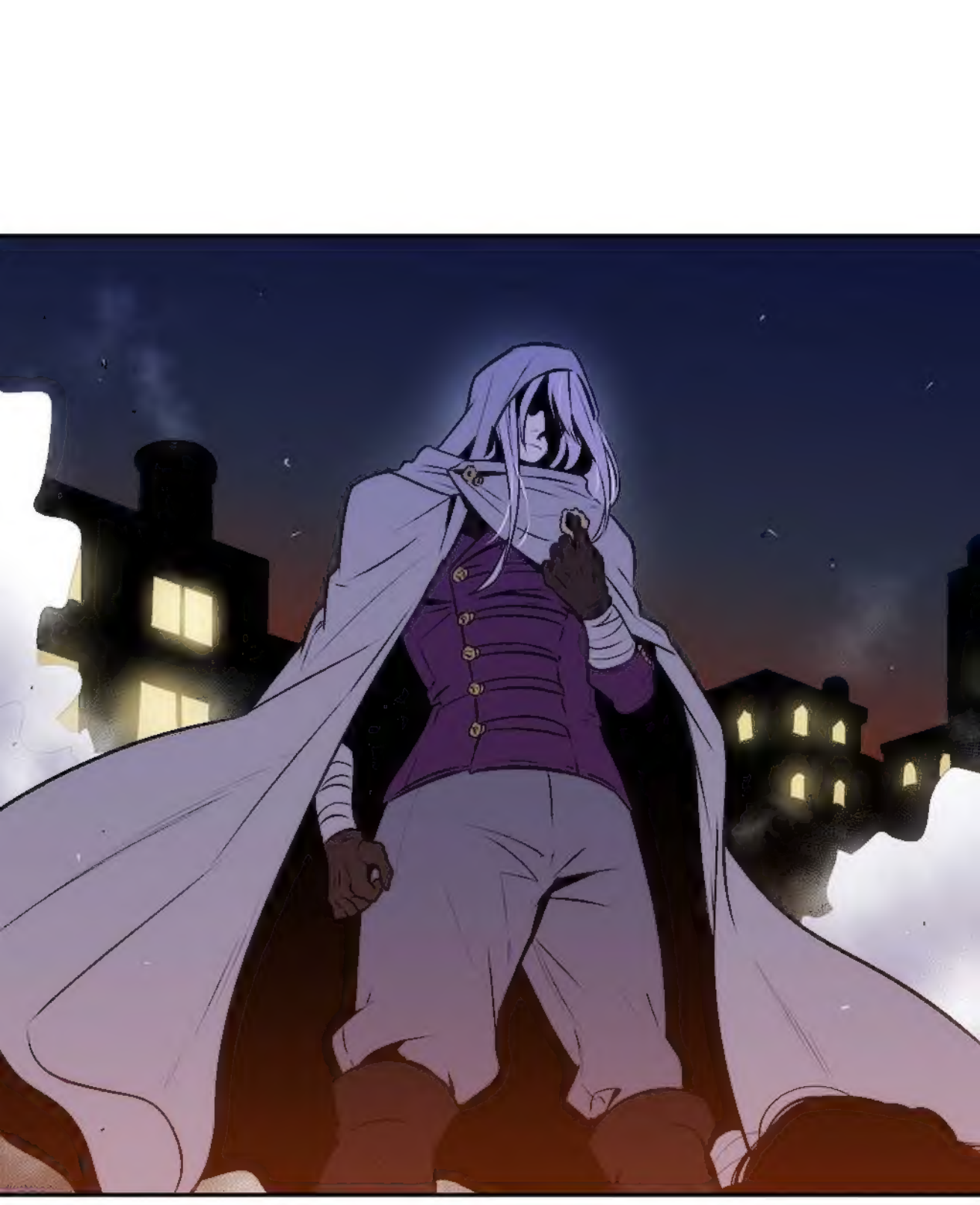
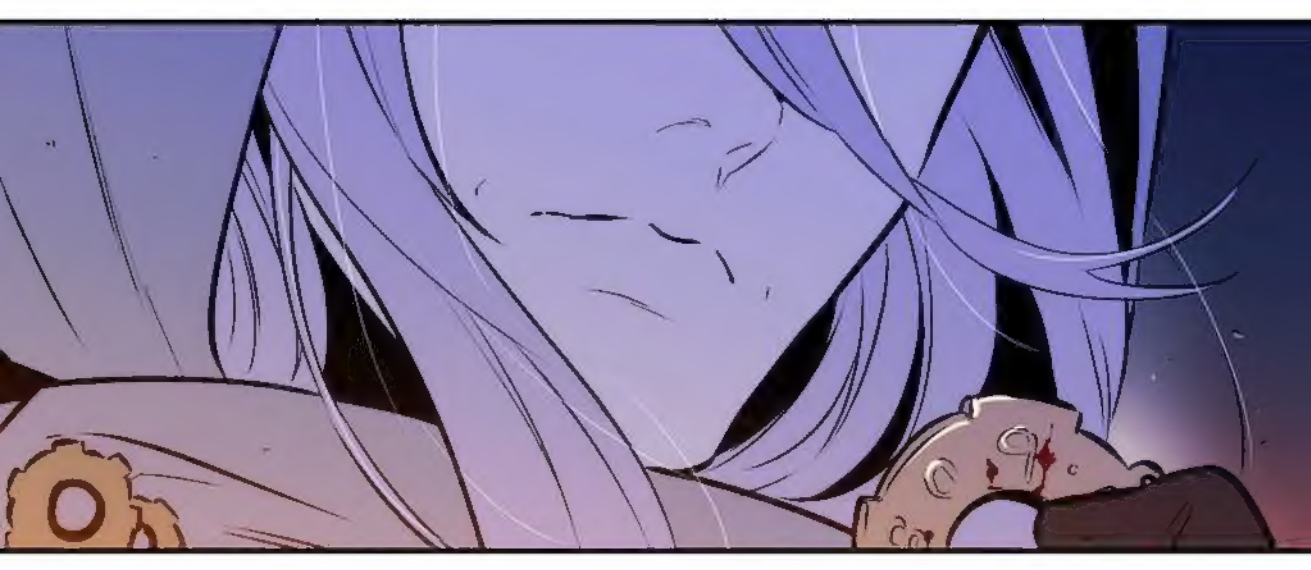
CRUMBLE...

CRUNCH

CLINK





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HURRY UP!

WE NEED TO CATCH THEM BEFORE THEY ESCAPE!

STOMP STOMP STOMP

IF THE MAN WE CAPTURED WAS TELLING THE TRUTH, THE RED MASK WAS HEADING TOWARDS THE UPPER FLOOR!

HALF OF YOU WILL PURSUE THE CRIMINALS, AND THE OTHER HALF WILL FOLLOW ME AND CAPTURE THE RED MASK!

SIR!

SLIDE...

STEP

...
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

A MERE BANKER COMING HERE...

RUMBLE

CRACK...

...YOU.

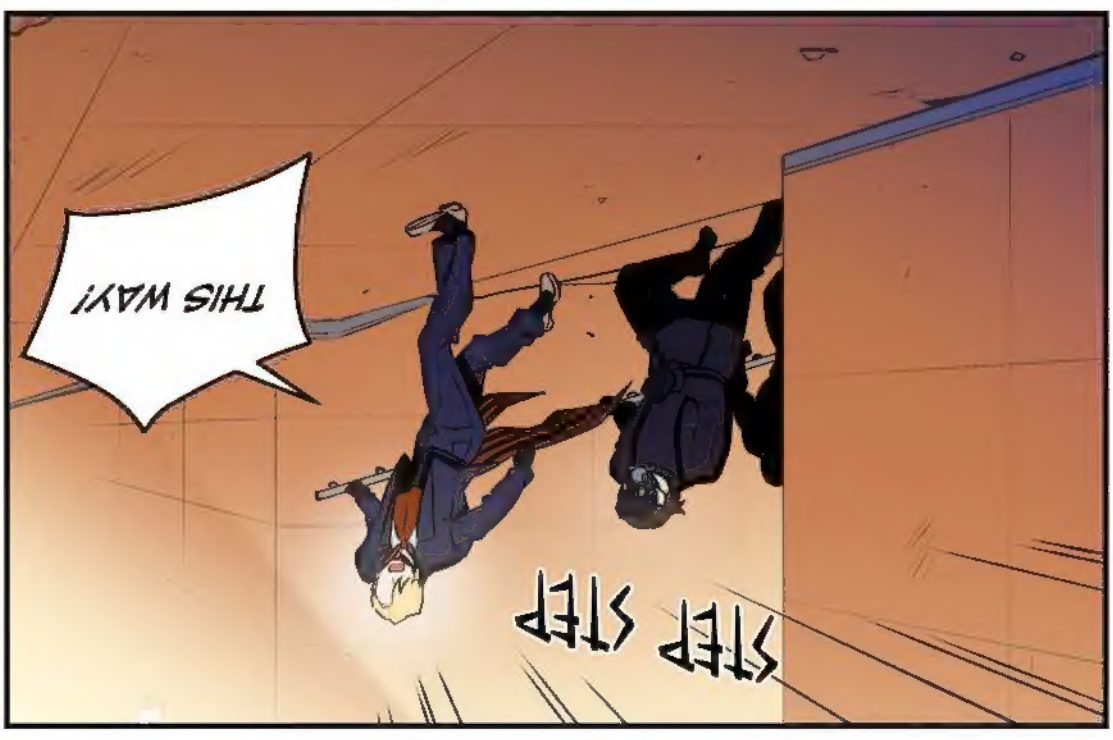
YOU...!

STEP STEP

HMPH, A MERE HUMAN...

HUH?

WHY AREN'T THE PHEROMONES WORKING...


THIS WAY!
STEP STEP

THWACK

THUD
THUD

THWACK
THUD
SPLAT

B

THWACK

ONE...!

UGH...?!

FLINCH

...!

THIS IS...

DON'T TELL ME ...?!

SHIVER...

ONE'S...!

HOW?

THUD

CRATER

HOW COULD YOU DO SOMETHING SO DISGUSTING?!

THUD

HOW ARE YOU NOT SATISFIED WITH TREATING US THE SAME AS LIVESTOCK?!

THUD

ALL...
ALL EVERYONE WANTED WAS TO SURVIVE!

EVEN I...

BUT WHY, WHY CAN'T YOU EVEN LET US LIVE?!

WHY?!!

TELL ME WHY!!!

KUH!

UGH...!

EEK...

UH...

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

P-PLEASE...

...STOP...

STOMP

...?!

UGH...

I CAN'T...

BREATHE...

WHAT...? WHY'RE THEY ACTING LIKE THIS...?

THIS IS JUST LIKE WHEN THE VAMPIRES USE PHEROMONES ON US.

BUT... IT'S NOT AFFECTING ME...?

UGH...!

...MY THROAT'S SQUEEZING SHUT...
I CAN'T EVEN MOVE MY ARMS AND LEGS PROPERLY...

THIS IS SOMETHING
I'VE NEVER FELT BEFORE...PURE DREAD.

AND IT'S TELLING ME TO RUN...

BUT.

BUT...!

...I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED.

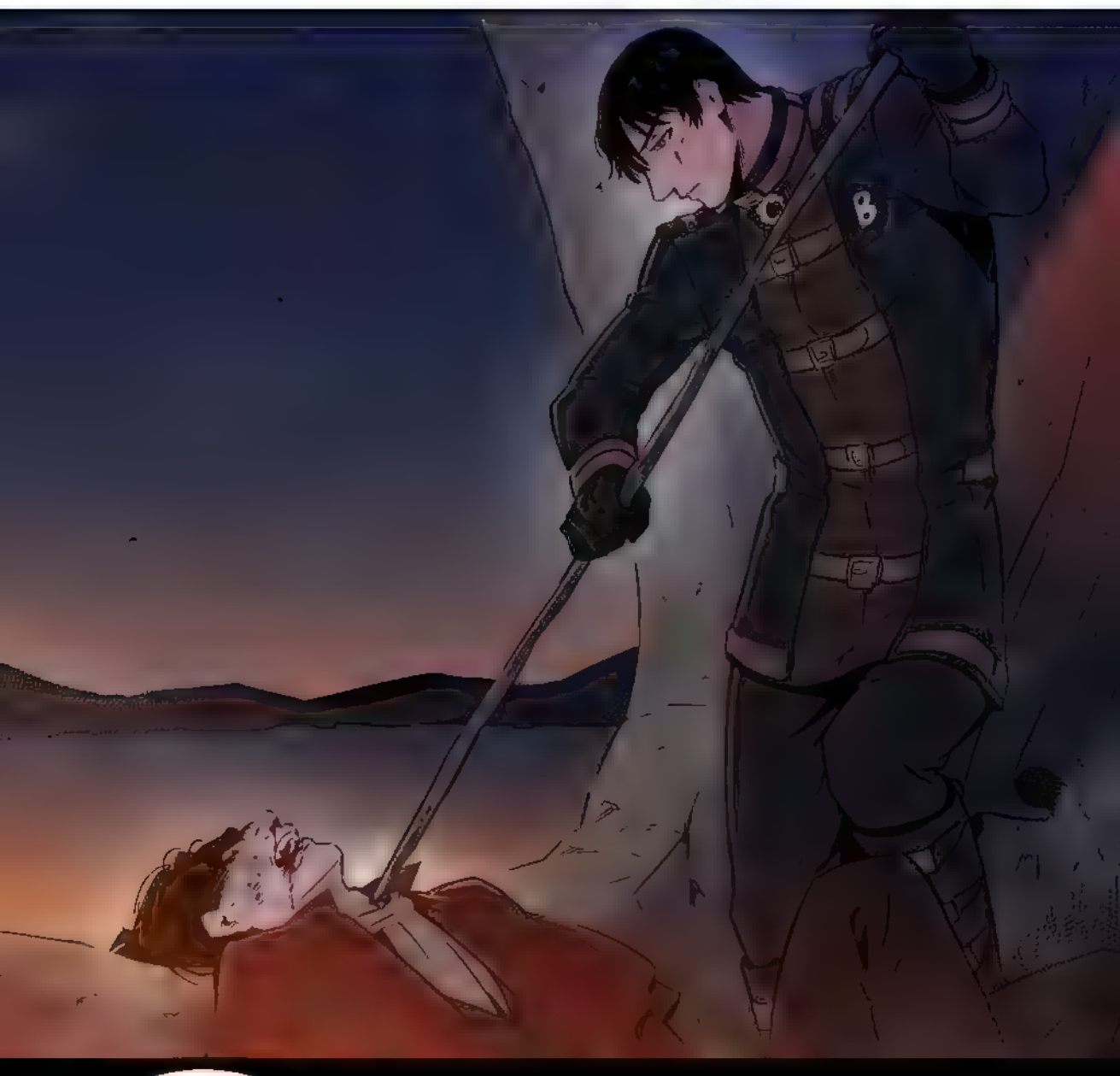
CLANG...

WHETHER YOU VAMPIRES...

CAN FEEL FEAR WHEN LOOKING AT OTHER CREATURES.

IF YOU CAN, I'D LIKE TO SEE...

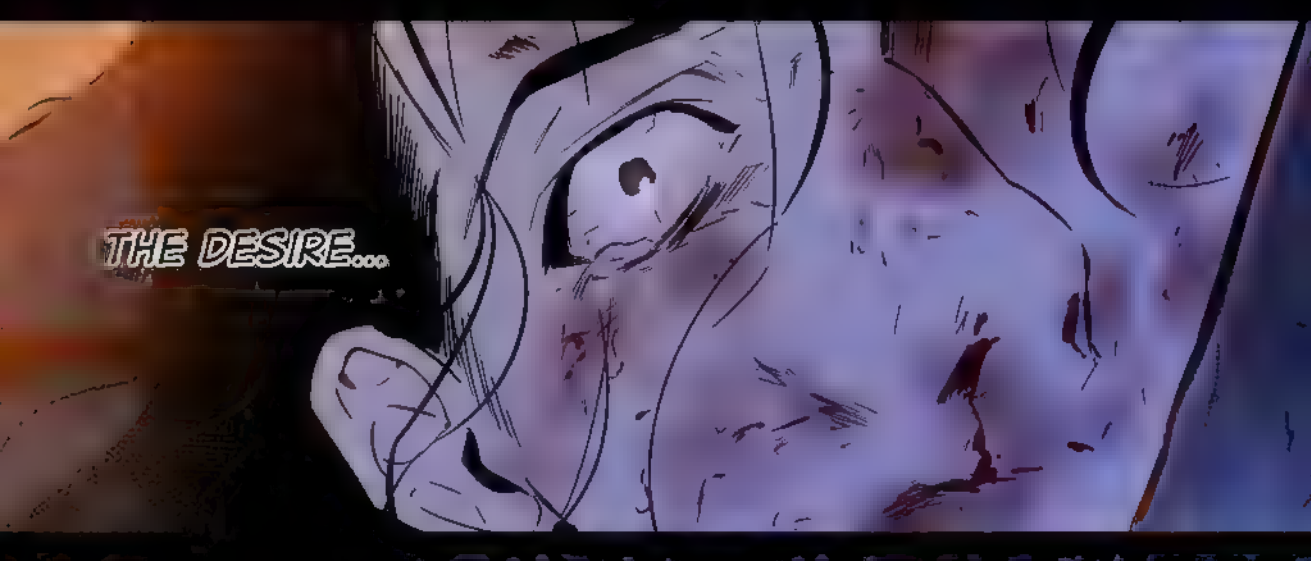
POKE



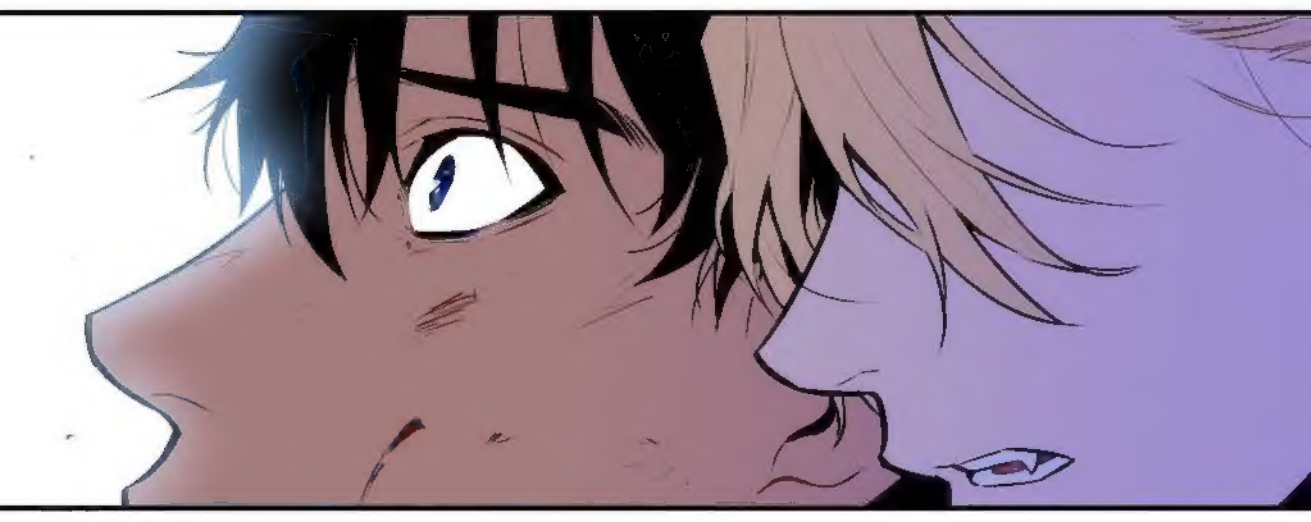
THE NOISE IN MY HEAD...
IS FINALLY GONE.

AND WITHIN THE SILENCE...

I CAN FEEL THE DESIRES
I'VE IGNORED UP TO NOW.



TO KILL YOU...!



IT'S SCARY...
IT'S TERRIFYING...

BUT
I STOPPED
YOU.

SO...

THIS TIME...

STOP...

……

SHELL.

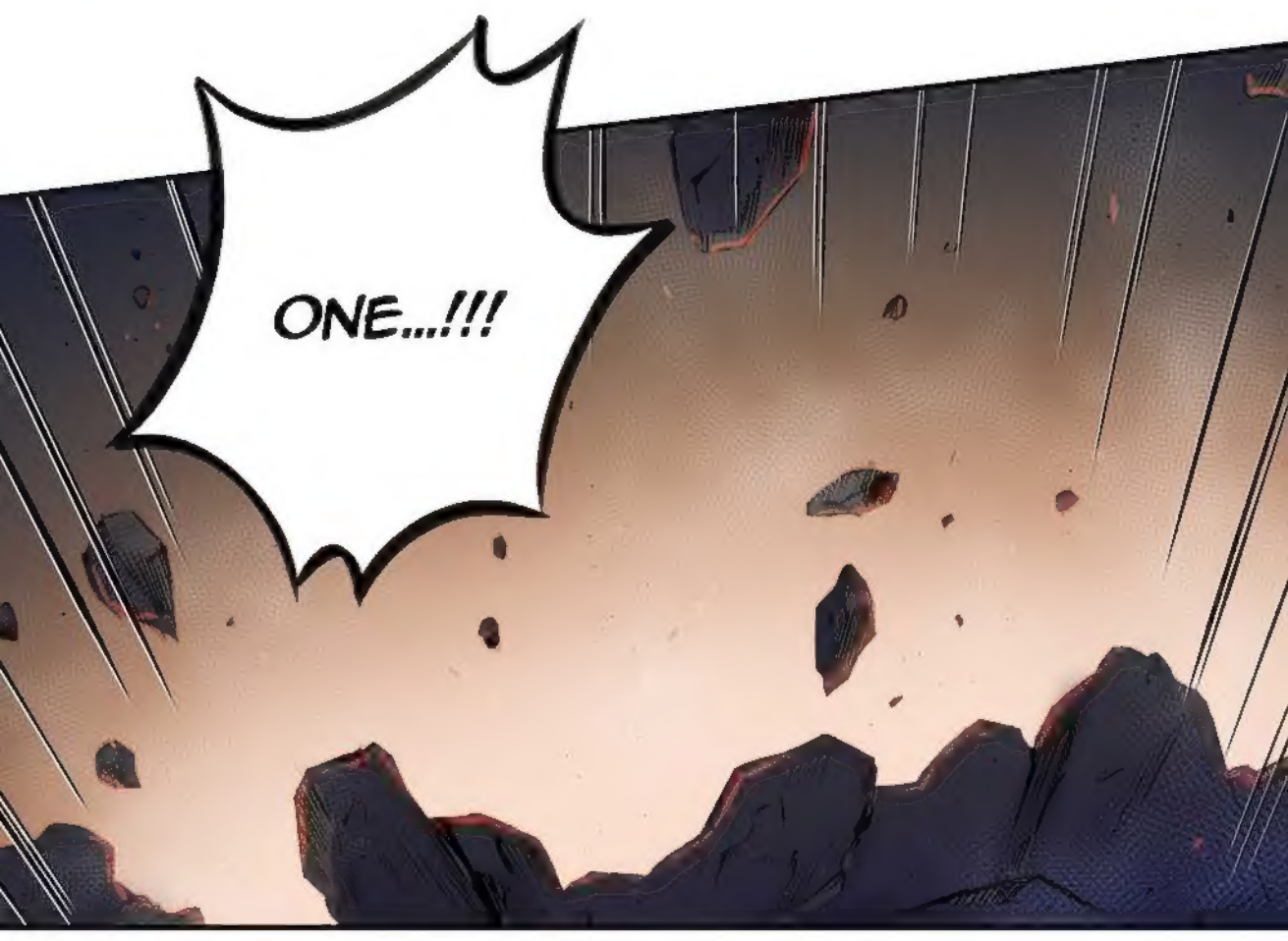
…!

FLINCH

THUD

AH...?!

CRACK



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